

R E M A R K S

In the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-10, 17, 19, and 20. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 6-10, 17, 19, and 20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Kimura (US4600978). The Examiner rejected claim 3 as being unpatentable over Kimura in view of Litke et al. (US 6,092,917). The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura in view of Litke et al. and Clayton (US 2,996,608). The Examiner objected to claim 4 as depending from a rejected base claim but indicated it would be allowable if appropriately rewritten. The Examiner allowed claims 11-16.

Reconsideration and re-examination of the application as amended considering the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 6-10, 17, 19, and 20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Kimura (US4600978). Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses the Examiner's rejection.

Kimura '978 discloses a lamp assembly that operates an embedded switch when pivoted from a retracted to extended position to provide illumination through translucent lens 8. However, the lamp does not provide illumination in the retracted position because the switch 9 is set to the off position as described in Col. 3, ll. 12-17 and therefore is not a dual function lamp that provides illumination to first and second target areas as claimed by Applicant in claim 17.

Furthermore, while Kimura '978 discloses a housing that pivots from the retracted to extended position, there is no disclosure of the assembly including a retainer for rotatably securing the lamp so the lamp housing can rotate about an axis generally normal to the bezel as disclosed and claimed by Applicant in independent claims 1 and 17.

With respect to claim 2, there is no disclosure in Kimura of a manually operated switch (in addition to the switch operated by movement of the lamp housing) to operate the lamp when in the retracted position. In fact, Kimura teaches away from a separate switch to actuate the lamp in the retracted position. (See Col. 1, ll. 11-17).

As such, Kimura fails to disclose every feature of Applicant's claimed invention and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 USC§102(b).

Rejections Under 35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claim 3 as being unpatentable over Kimura in view of Litke et al. (US 6,092,917). The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura in view of Litke et al. and Clayton (US 2,996,608). Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses the Examiner's rejections.

As described above and incorporated here by reference, the primary reference to Kimura fails to disclose or suggest a dual function lamp operable in the retracted and extended positions, or rotatable about first and second axes. Although the secondary reference to Litke et al. '917 is not relied upon for these features, Litke et al. '917 also fails to disclose these features such that the proposed combination taken as a whole fails to teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no proper motivation or suggestion to combine the features of Kimura with those of Litke '917 and/or Clayton '608 as proposed by the Examiner.

Litke et al. '917 discloses a dual push-push lamp assembly for an overhead console that selectively operates multiple switches connected to multiple lamps to illuminate a desired area. In general, Litke et al. does not disclose a lamp that is movable between a dome lighting position and a reading position as disclosed and claimed by Applicant, and therefore, (similar to Kimura as described above) does not disclose or suggest a dual function lamp that illuminates first and second target areas.

With respect to Claim 3, the lamp of Litke et al. is substantially flush with the outer surface of the overhead console 14 "except for the time in which the switches 24 are operatively depressed" (Col. 4, ll. 13-17), i.e. the lamp is substantially flush in the "extended" or normal position as described by Litke et al. and not in the "retracted" position as disclosed and claimed by Applicant. As such, although Litke et al. discloses a reflector portion, the proposed combination

taken as a whole does not disclose or suggest Applicant's invention as claimed in claim 3.

For the reasons above, Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed combination of Kimura and Litke et al. fails to teach or suggest each feature of Applicant's invention as claimed in claim 3 and requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 USC §103(a).

The Examiner rejected claim 5 as being unpatentable over Kimura et al in view of Clayton (US 2,996,608). Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses the Examiner's rejection.

As described above and incorporated here by reference, the primary reference (Kimura) relied on by the Examiner fails to disclose a number of features of Applicant's claimed invention. While Clayton discloses a protrusion on the lens to facilitate rotation, the proposed combination taken as a whole fails to teach or suggest Applicant's invention as claimed in independent claim 1 and dependent claim 5. In particular, the references relied on by the Examiner fail to disclose a dual function lamp operable in the retracted and extended positions that includes a rotating lens portion with a protrusion to facilitate rotation. The protrusion disclosed by Clayton is provided as a switching feature, i.e. to turn the lamp on/off. The lamp has only a single (retracted) position and therefore does not include a pivoting and rotatable retainer as disclosed by Applicant.

For the reasons above, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 5 under 35 USC §103(a).

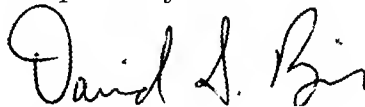
Summary

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to the Examiner's objections and rejections to advance prosecution of this application. Applicants respectfully submit that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be due as a result of filing this Amendment. However, please charge any fees to **Deposit Account 50-2438 (Lear Corporation)**.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss resolution of any remaining issues as necessary to place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted:

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